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FCC Appeal / Waiver Request

I, Curtis McKay, am a Network Administrator at Belleville Township High School District 201 responsible for Erate filings. Our school district has been denied our USAC 471 application# 191009061 Cat1 60% funding level for the requested total amount of \$55,000 for the 2019-2020 funding year. I have appealed our USAC FCDL denial and that appeal has since been denied. I am filing for an Appeal / Waiver with the FCC per the instruction by USAC customer care.

In July 2018 we received notice that there were improperly disbursed funds from USAC. The source of the issue was determined between the service provider and our organization and there was no argument in returning the funds. I do not know why the first and 2nd demand of payment did not end up in front of the correct person but the "Notice of Withholding of Action" dated 3/28/2019 (pages 1-2 of attached Documentation.pdf) did and we promptly sent in payment but incorrectly via check.

That check was never cashed as we later learned it was not an accepted type of payment. We then received the "Notice of Dismissal" dated 5/3/2019 (page 3 of attached Documentation.pdf) on 5/10/2019. On that day, 5/10/2019, we paid all debts via the online payment portal. Attached are the 2 receipts showing payment. (pages 9-10 of attached Documentation.pdf).

USAC determination on our FCC Form 471# 191009061 was received 5/23/2019 denying funds due to unpaid debt as of 5/3/2019 (pages 11-17 of attached Documentation.pdf). The debt was paid on 5/10/2019 and in a letter dated 5/15/2019 we received a Withdrawal of Notice of Dismissal (page 18 of attached Documentation.pdf)

This letter stated "This letter is to inform you that the Notice of Dismissal is withdrawn because a delinquent debt has been satisfied. No further action from you is needed at this time".

The day that I received that letter I appealed our 471 denial. I stated we were no longer in red light status and provided proof of payment receipts. That appeal (usac appeal #146422) was finalized 9/4/2019 denying funds (pages 19-28 of attached Documentation.pdf) with reason in the Post Commit Request as:

"Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. sec. 1.1910(a)(1), USAC determined that you or an entity sharing the same Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) has

been delinquent on the payment of a debt owed to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and/or the FCC. We issued a Notice of Withholding Action explaining the nature of the debt(s) owed and the consequences of not satisfying the debt within 30 days of the date of the letter. USAC dismissed your application and denied all funding requests included in that application due to the fact that your debt(s) had not been satisfied.

In your appeal, you have not shown that USAC's determination was incorrect. Consequently, your appeal is denied.

You have been delinquent on your non-tax debt(s) owed to the FCC. FCC rules require that action be withheld on any application or request for benefits made by an entity found to be delinquent in its debt(s) to the FCC. The rules further state that the entity will be informed that action will be withheld on the application[s] until full payment or arrangement to pay any non-tax delinquent debt owed to the FCC is made and/or that the application may be dismissed. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 1.1910(b)(2)."

I request an appeal of the denial of funds decision based on the Withdrawal of Notice of Dismissal received stating that we are no longer delinquent. I request that USAC 471 application# 191009061 be fully funded.

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